

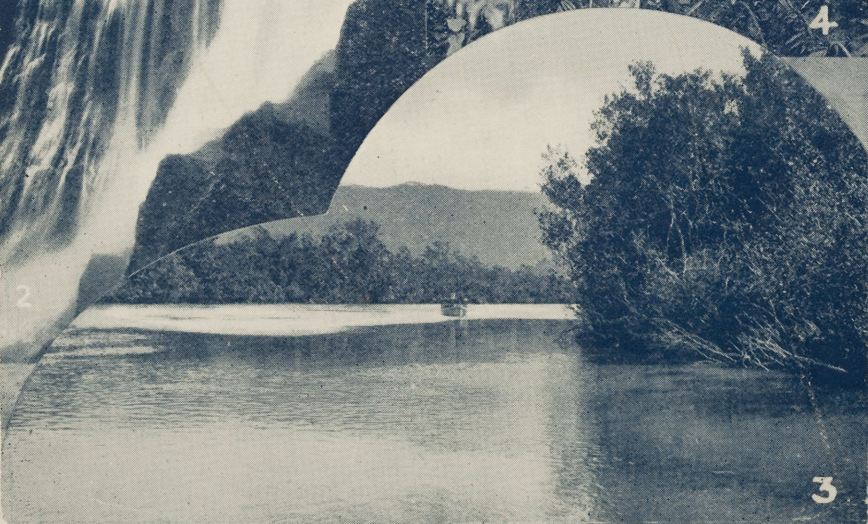
CAIRNS and THE INTERLAND

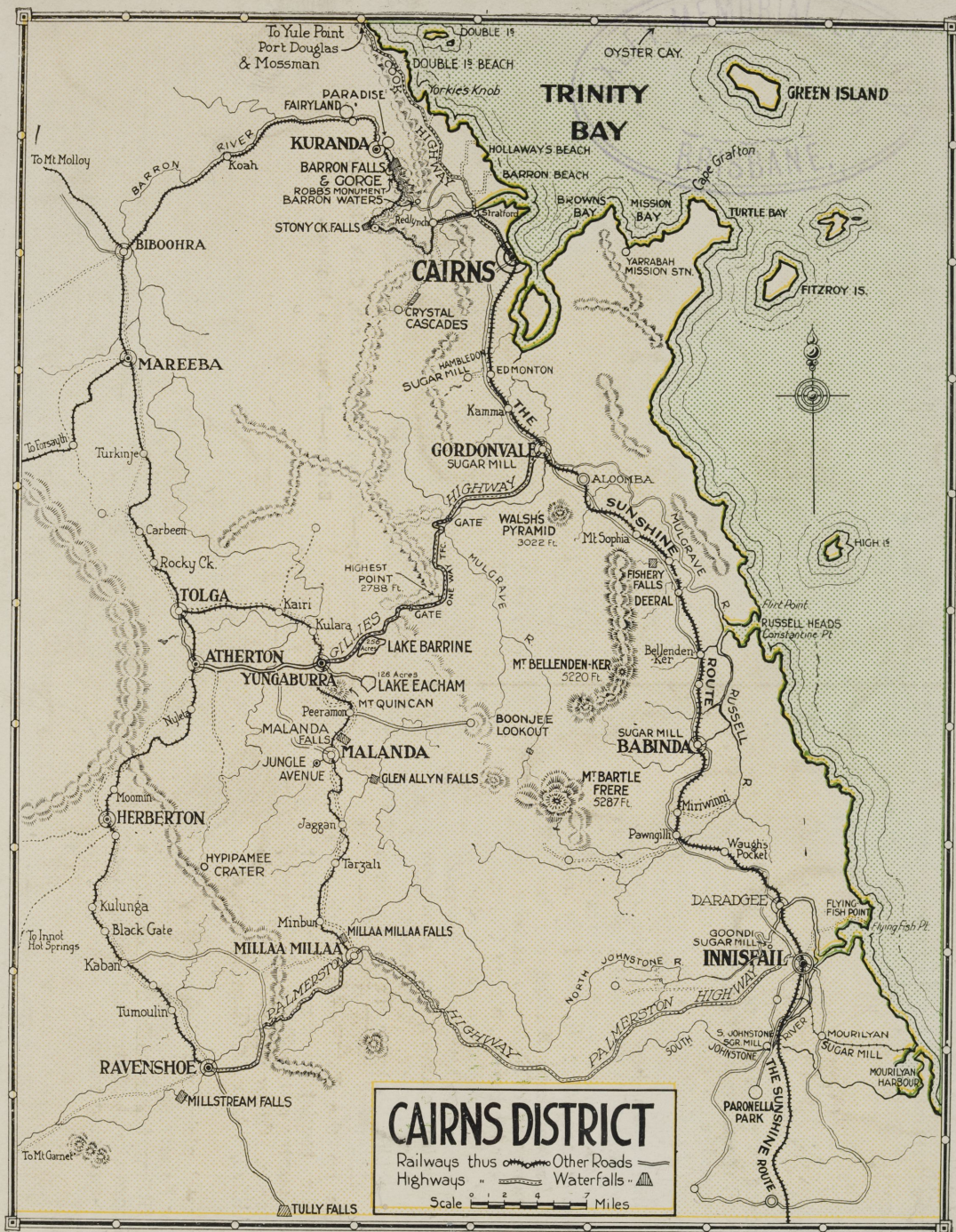


NORTH
QUEENSLAND

GLIMPSES OF CAIRNS AND HINTERLAND

1. Lake Eacham, near Yungaburra.
2. Tully Falls, near Ravenshoe.
3. Mulgrave River, near Babinda.
4. "Fairyland" Gardens, Kuranda.
5. Millstream Falls, near Ravenshoe.
6. Mungana Caves, near Chillagoe.
7. Spence St. and Trinity Bay, Cairns.
8. Johnstone River Falls, Malanda.





TRAVEL SERVICE

OFFICERS of the Bureau will gladly plan and arrange complete tours to Cairns and District and quote inclusive costs embracing train, ship, or 'plane transportation and accommodation en route. This service is provided without extra cost.

Special all-expense tours, from a day upwards, are offered in conjunction with the arrivals and departures of ships and trains at Cairns throughout the year. Complete itineraries and costs will be supplied on application.

Representatives of the Bureau meet interstate vessels at Brisbane, Townsville, and Cairns, and their services are available free of cost to visitors who desire advice concerning accommodation, routes, transportation, and tourist attractions. Complete bookings may be made with these officers.

Transportation services and accommodation at hotels are taxed during the winter season, extending from May to September, and intending visitors to North Queensland are advised to make their bookings well in advance at the offices of the—

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LAND OF ADVENTURE AND ROMANCE

TROPIC WONDERLAND

THE winter tour of the Magic Northlands has become an institution of Australian life. No other travel movement in this country has assumed such proportions or entered so thoroughly into the domestic life of the people. Every winter, when the Tropic Coast is at its loveliest, the volatile beauty of tableland and gorge, the pagan sunshine flooding plantation and forest, act as a powerful lodestone, and visitors from all parts of Australasia journey north to Cairns along the golden littoral in fast, comfortable trains, or voyage in luxury liners upon placid island-studded seas within the sheltered regions of the Great Barrier Reefs.

Here on the north-east shoulder of Australia is an extensive holiday playground, which is completely different from the Southlands. Within easy distance of one another are coral cays and silver shores, majestic mountains and temperate tablelands possessing an invigorating climate although well within the Tropic Zone.

The sun-drenched esplanade at Cairns, lapped by tranquil Trinity waters; threshing palm-forests and frangipanni fragrance; tumultuous cascades of the Barron, and wonders of the Great Plateau; crater lakes like tarns of violet water, and fantastic Chillagoe monoliths; languorous, invitingly restful days on a coral island shawled with sea lavender, or dancing in a ballroom brilliant with flowers that have stolen their colours from tropic sunsets; sparkling blue waters of the Bay, and always the witching beauty of the hills wearing the ages down tenaciously.

Cairns and district have the magical allure born of infinite variety. Never dull or commonplace are vacations in the Northern Riviera.

THE GREAT PLATEAU

INLAND from the tropical city of Cairns is a new green world ramparted high above the rich alluvials of the coastal plains.

The Great Plateau, which forms the hinterland of Cairns, is formed by three highly-fertile tablelands—Atherton, Evelyn, and Palmerston. On these extensive uplands are to be found some of the most picturesque country in Australia, and a salubrious climate throughout the year. (The elevation reaches 3,162 feet near Ravenshoe.)

Kuranda (1,080 feet), at the head of the **Barron Gorge**, is on the threshold of the Great Plateau. The approach by rail through the mighty chasm is in itself one of the highlights of a tour of the Northlands. Below the little tourist township the **Barron River**, after draining one of the highest rainfall areas on the continent, plunges 770 feet into the gorge below—a magnificently impressive spectacle. The riotous splendour of North Queensland jungles and forests is shown to advantage by a stroll through "Paradise" and "Fairyland." Trails lead to several beauty spots in the vicinity of the Barron Gorge. Morning dips in the refreshingly cool waters of the Barron; care free hours wandering down high-hedged tracks resembling English country lanes—how pleasantly one can holiday by the Barron-side.

RIVIERA OF THE NORTH

AT the height of the tourist season—those wondrous months from May to September when the Northlands are invested in a glorious panoply of warm, rich tones—there is in the air a note of gaiety, happiness, carefree abandon. Golden days are devoted to sightseeing or lounging in the cool shade of wide tropical verandas; fragrant nights, with stars like lamps in the sky, are charged with romance.

Among the beauty spots adjacent to Cairns, which are recommended and accessible by car, are **Crystal Cascades**, the source of Cairns' splendid water supply; **Barron Waters**, at the junction of Stoney Creek and Barron River; **Innisfail** and **Paronella Park**, in the south; **Hartley's Creek**, **Port Douglas**, and **Mossman**, by way of Cook Highway in the north. For the greater part of the route this highway skirts the coast, affording splendid seascapes from several vantage points.

Launch trips are a sheer delight. The most popular excursions are to **Brown's Bay**, with its tropical fruits, aviary, and zoo; **Mulgrave** and **Russell Rivers**; **Green Island**, the most easily accessible of the islands of the Great Barrier Reef; and **Yarrabah Mission**.

Tourist cars leave regularly for **Yungaburra**, **Malanda**, and **Atherton** on the **Tablelands** by way of **Gillies Highway**, which climbs in easy gradients, the range ramparts. During the tourist season, in addition to the daily rail service, special tourist trains with "grandstand" cars leave Cairns on certain days for **Kuranda**, through the **Barron Gorge**. There is time before the train returns for visitors to inspect the tropical tea gardens and **Dodd's Butterflies**.

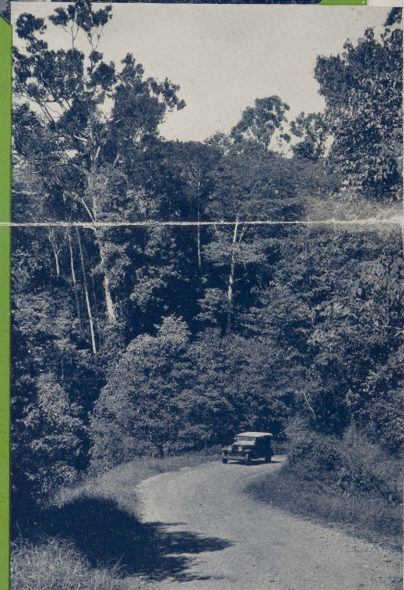
Green Island is about 17 miles out from Cairns. There visitors may see the wonder of the marine landscape through glass-bottomed floats. Corals of all shapes and colourings, zoophytes and fish of every possible tint, often exquisitely beautiful, sometimes madly grotesque, are seen as in a garden wilderness of a fabled land. Equally interesting to the botanist is the rare variety of plant life on the island.

ON past Kuranda the magnificence of range and gorge and falls is succeeded by typical North Queensland plain country—granitic, anthilled, sparsely-wooded with gums. The railroad forks at **Mareeba**, one branch going to **Chillagoe** and **Mungana**, noted for the number of limestone caves and the other to the **Atherton Scrub**. At **Tolga** the line again branches, one route leading to **Yungaburra**, **Malanda**, and **Millaa Millaa**, and the other to **Atherton**, **Herberton**, and **Ravenshoe**. From these centres the various tourist attractions are readily accessible by road or rail.

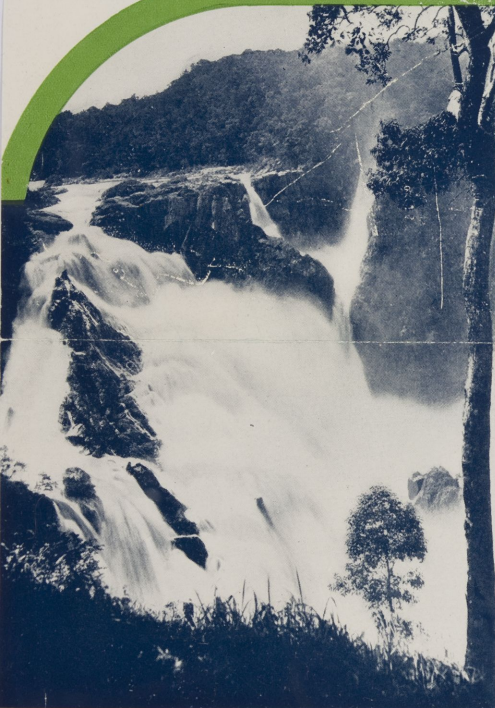
The beautiful crater lakes of **Eucumbene** and **Baring** are easily reached from Yungaburra. Other examples of volcanic activity on the Tablelands are **Mount Hypipamee** near Herberton, **Mount Quincan**, **Bromfield's Crater**, and **Lynch's Crater**. At **Jungle Avenue**, Malanda, visitors may see the extraordinary tree-climbing kangaroos. **Atherton** offers delightful scenes of maize-growing country; the panorama from **Halloran's Hill** being particularly impressive. **Herberton**, with its temperate zone fruits and climate like Southern Tasmania, is a tin-mining centre.

There are numerous waterfalls on the Tablelands which are within convenient distance from the tourist centres. The most beautiful waterfall in this Cascade Country is the **Tully** (962 feet), reached by a good road from Ravenshoe. Other notable falls include the **Millstream**, **Beatrice**, **Millaa Millaa**, **Malanda**, **Glen Ailyn**, and **Johnstone**.

The return journey to the coastal plains may be made by way of **Gillies Highway** to Gordonvale, or **Palmerston Highway** to Innisfail. These scenic highways provide a fitting finale to a tour of North Queensland, and leave lasting impressions of tropical luxuriance, impressive mountain ranges, and far-sweeping valleys.



Top—Hartley's Creek Beach, Cook Highway.
Bottom—Palmerston Highway.



Barron Falls, Kuranda.



Green Island.